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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

1. ACCORDING TO A NEWS ITEM IN THE PORT MORESBY POST-COURIER ON MARCH 15, PRIME MINISTER NORMAN KIRK HAS ANNOUNCED THE PLAN TO OPEN A NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN JULY, 1974 IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE NEW ZEALAND MISSION WILL HAVE THE STATUS OF A CONSULATE GENERAL BUT WOULD BECOME A FULL HIGH COMMISSION ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA. BRIGADIER BRIAN POANANGA, A MAORI OFFICER IN THE NEW ZEALAND ARMY, HAS BEEN NAMED TO HEAD THIS MISSION AND BECOME HIGH COMMISSIONER WHEN THE COUNTRY BECOMES INDEPENDENT.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT BOTH THE GERMAN AND SWEDISH EMBASSIES IN CANBERRA ARE CONSIDERING OPENING POSTS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GERMAN POST WILL BE AN HONORARY CONSULATE. THE SWEDISH POST WOULD ALSO BE A CONSULATE OR CONSULATE GENERAL DEPENDING UPON WHETHER IT IS DECIDED TO MAKE THE SWEDISH POST AN HONORARY ONE OR NOT. REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH EMBASSIES ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT PORT MORESBY DURING APRIL, 1974, TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING POSTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

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